

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

In re application of: Schwab et al

Serial No.: 08/822,397

Group No.: 2611

Filed: March 20, 1997

Examiner: R. Brown

For: VIDEO INPUT SWITCHING AND SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS

APPELLANTS' REPLY BRIEF

Mail Stop Appeal Brief
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Answer mailed July 20, 2009, Appellant hereby submits its Reply Brief.

The Examiner states that "Vogel teaches that the microcomputer 6 generates an address from the received classification codes, Col 4, lines 45-58 and applies it to the table to determine switching to the alternative source, which reads on the claimed '*pointer*'. Therefore, since Vogel provides a classification code to the receiver, which the microprocessor 6 uses for control in a channel-change procedure, to change to a particular channel, the classification code in Vogel reads on the claimed '*pointer*'."

Applicants respectfully disagree that there is no material difference. The classification code of Vogel does not carry the actual destination to switch to; it tells where to go to look up the information of where to switch to, in a separate step, which adds an additional element to the system. Without the additional look-up table, the system of Vogel cannot redirect to a new channel. To the extent that Vogel has elements of a '*pointer*', it is only that it has a reference to where the destination information resides; it does not carry the destination information itself. In Vogel, it is the look-up table that holds the destination information and acts as the '*pointer*'; it is not included in the classification code itself.

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